



A close-up photograph of a person's hands and arms. The person is wearing a black smartwatch on their left wrist and is holding the large black wheel of a wheelchair with their left hand. They are also wearing a camouflage-patterned sleeve on their right arm. The background shows a concrete step and a metal railing.



DARRELL LONG | VISUAL JOURNALIST
IN LIGHT OF Northwest Week the Student Activity Center served free ice cream sundaes and gave away free t-shirts on Wednesday in the JW Jones Student Union. Ending with a bang for Northwest Week, the Goo Goo Dolls are scheduled to perform at 7:30 Friday in Bearcat Arena.

Young university program to graduate its first nursing students

By Trey Williams
News Editor

The role of a university is to understand what the current needs of society are and then meet those needs, according to Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Four years ago, the University recognized there was a rising need for nurses. Now the program, in its second year, will graduate the first group of nursing students this summer.

“What we really tried to do is structure it so it works for the working nurse,” Leslie Chandler, coordinator of Student Orientation and Transfer Affairs, said. “We’ve gone a long way to make it convenient for them... so far the feedback has been very positive.”

Northwest offers a Bach-

elor of Science in Nursing (completion) program, meaning any student in the program must already be a registered nurse. The University felt that with the growing need and the way the career is changing, offering students a chance to earn a BSN was important.

“The world of health care is placing a greater responsibility and expectations on nursing,” McAdams said. “If you want to move up in the career, you’re going to have to have a bachelor’s degree, and eventually a masters.”

Being involved in the programs inception, both Chandler and McAdams are excited to see the first students complete the program. Chandler said they are even going to order the students scrubs that say Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Even more than to

see them graduate, McAdams said he is excited to see the program grow.

“The program has grown which tells me it’s working and it’s successful,” McAdams said. “If students didn’t like the program they would just stop taking it... but this confirms the planning that we started four years ago toward this program.”

The courses in this program are mainly online—students only meet three times during a semester, according to Chandler. And it has become the practice that students enroll at Northwest, get general requirements out of the way, then head to a technical school or a university that offers a registered nursing degree. Students then enroll in the BSN while working to finish out their education.

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Student’s passion brings national music honor

Chesney to play at national fute convention

By Matthew Leimkuehler
Chief Reporter

Music, for some, is nothing more than another form of entertainment, background noise or something to keep you awake while driving. For others, music is an interest, a hobby, or something they keep up with just like trends in sports or gossip in Hollywood. For junior Christine Chesney, music is life, passion and everything.

After years of training and dedication to the flute, Chesney has received the honor of a position on the National Colligate Flute Choir, one of 27 members selected in the nation. Chesney, a junior from Smithville, Mo., has been playing the flute since she entered sixth grade, an instrument she always knew was the right fit for her.

“I loved it so much,” Chesney reflects, when thinking about her first few months with the instrument. “I did not put it down for years.”

Over the years, Chesney has taken many steps in becoming the ma-

ture musician she is today. From Northwest Flute Camp, to private lessons, to studying under professors at William Jewell College throughout high school, Chesney has continued to build her skills as an overall musician and performer.

Chesney chose Northwest after various auditions and applications at other schools in the area, a decision she does not regret upon reflection.

“Here felt like home,” Chesney said. “The campus here is so beautiful, it just feels so great.”

Dr. Rebecca Dunnell, associate professor of music, is one of Chesney’s biggest influences and one of the main reasons she decided to partake in undergraduate study at Northwest. Dunnell is delighted at the achievement Chesney has been rewarded with.

“This is a huge honor, it is so competitive in the flute world,” Dunnell said. “She’s been a very responsive student. When entering Northwest, she was already a strong player and she’s responded so well with everything I’ve asked her to do.”

Chesney was shocked and honored at the award she received, which comes with the opportunity to

perform at the National Flute Association convention this August with the National Colligate Flute Choir in Charlotte, N.C.

“I jumped up and down,” Chesney said, explaining her roommate was alarmed at first, thinking something was wrong. “I was up until 2:30 that morning forwarding the email. I was super excited.”

Chesney’s future is completely open. She is a free-spirited musician who feels as though she will go wherever her talents take her. She engulfs herself in the idea that music is something she wants to do for the rest of her life.

“I have plans, but it’s not like I’m on a set track,” Chesney said. “I am living my life and letting awesome things happen. There is a time to be serious, but not everything needs to be Mozart and Beethoven.”

Dunnell understands Chesney’s mindset, and as a professor and mentor, has come to terms with her way of looking at the future.

“The performing life, especially in the current economic climate, is not anything to pin a person’s future on right now,” Dunell said. “Christine has a lot of talents, I don’t see one avenue for her.”

Weekend Events

Apr. 15 Friday

All Day

- Art Exhibit: African Art Show - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Final installment due
- Income Tax Day
- National Student Employment Week
- Softball at MIAA North Crossover Tournament, Kirksville, Mo
- Student Senate Elections, CatPAWS

10:00 am

- Women’s Tennis at Northeastern State (Okla.), Tahlequah, Oklahoma

10:00 am

- Women’s Tennis at Southeastern Oklahoma State, Tahlequah, Oklahoma

1:00 pm

- Men’s Tennis at Lindenwood (Mo.), Bolivar, Mo.

5:00 pm

- Men’s Tennis at Graceland (Iowa), Bolivar, Mo.

6:00 pm

- St. Joseph Alumni and Friends Chapter Welcome Event for Head Football Coach Scott Bostwick

7:30 pm

- SAC Spring Concert - Lamkin Activity Center The Goo Goo Dolls will perform in Bearcat Arena.

Apr. 16 Saturday

All Day

- Art Exhibit: African Art Show - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- National Student Employment Week
- Softball at MIAA North Crossover Tournament, Kirksville, Mo.
- Spring Green & White Visit Day
- Track & Field, Northwest Bearcat Open - Bearcat Stadium

2:00 pm

- Baseball vs. Pittsburg State - Bearcat Baseball Field

7:00 pm

- Wind Symphony/Symphonic Band concert - Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts

Apr. 17 Sunday

All Day

- Art Exhibit: African Art Show - Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building
- Delta Week
- Palm Sunday
- Semana Santa begins, Spain
- Softball at MIAA North Crossover Tournament, Kirksville, Mo.

12:00 pm

- Baseball vs. Pittsburg State - Bearcat Baseball Field

3:00 pm

- Tower Choir/University Chorale concert - Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts

7:00 pm

- Newman Catholic Center Mass - Newman Catholic Center



LORI FRANKENFIELD | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

PARTICIPANTS OF THE Multiple Sclerosis Walk stroll down Icon Road during their three mile walk. Over 150 walkers showed up at the J.W. Jones Student Union last year to show support for the cause.

Support group hosts annual walk for multiple sclerosis

By Leslie Nelson
Chief Reporter

After participating in Multiple Sclerosis walks for the past seven years, Maryville citizen and MS patient Leatha Johnson will watch from the sidelines at this year's walk at 9 a.m., with registration beginning at 8 a.m., Saturday at the Northwest Missouri State University Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

"My personal circumstances have not permitted me to have a team in the walk this year," Johnson said.

Multiple Sclerosis attacks the myelin sheaths of the central nervous system, causing

scar tissue to cover the nerve fibers, called sclerosis, and causing an interference in those nerve signals.

This could lead to disability or even paralysis.

"I had mono when I was 17," Paula Heck, Northwest Missouri MS Support Group leader and MS patient, said. "They say that possibly illnesses like that or a high fever cause people to get MS."

While there is no cure for MS, the Northwest Missouri Multiple Sclerosis Support Group works with the National MS Society to raise money for research.

Those funds raised are also returned to Maryville

citizens with MS.

"I have a new hand-capped sidewalk outside my house because I have MS and I walk with a walker," Heck said. "And they paid \$1,400 towards the cost of it."

Participants can walk either one or three miles. The support group asks that walkers donate \$25, or as much as they can afford. A donation of \$100 gets the walker a t-shirt.

"It's a lot of fun," Johnson said. "All the walks that I've been to have just been super."

People send the walkers off and then wait to greet them afterward. Water stations are set up throughout the course.

Anniversary prompts re-enecatment

By Ben Lawson
Chief Reporter

This Tuesday marked the 150th anniversary of the Civil War. To honor this event, the Nodaway County Historical Society hosted a presentation Sunday at their museum complete with an encampment by Civil War reenactors.

For the event, the Historical Society had Civil War reenactors, refreshments from the Civil War era and retired

history professor Tom Corneal spoke on issues leading to the Civil War.

Civil War reenactors Nate Rice, Lucas Riley and Raymond Riley set up a typical Civil War encampment outside the Historical Society Museum to show what life was like for soldiers at that time.

The encampment featured a tent, blankets and straw for bedding, a campfire and the Missouri Confederate battle flag. Rice was also

dressed in the uniform of a Confederate soldier, which consisted of a grey jacket and pants, pistol and holster, a Southern Nation belt buckle, a canteen and several pouches for ammunition, food and other supplies.

Rice has been doing Civil War re-enactments since 2006 when a friend recruited him.

"I participate (in re-enactments) to honor and show

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DARRELL LONG | VISUAL JOURNALIST

LOCATED ON THE west side of St. Francis Hospital is the St. Joesph Oncology Cancer Clinic. Led by Jean Memken, the refurbishing project is expected to recieve a majority of their funds from the St. Francis Hospital Foundation.

Local cancer treatment center to undergo student renovations

By Mary Connors
Missourian Reporter

Maryville's first Cancer Treatment Center is undergoing extensive remodeling in hopes of adding elements of inviting comfort and warmth to its patients. Since the first week of spring classes, Jean Memken, assistant professor for Family Consumer Science and her students from the merchandising of furnishing and accessories course, have taken on what they consider as a rigorous task of modifying every room of the 2,000 square foot es-

tablishment, located east of St. Francis Hospital in the Medical Arts Building.

The impetus for renovating the antiquated center came from Memken after an acquaintance from the hospital's auxiliary board expressed the need to have the center modernized.

"I worked with nurse liaison Teri Harr from the breast cancer program to introduce the effort at St. Francis, her energy is what helped to spearhead things," Memken said.

According to Memken, the center has existed for about 15 years, once she

heard of its need for remodeling, she saw this as a perfect hands-on opportunity for her students. The teams are divided into groups of four with three people to a group. The teams are responsible for the remodeling of the reception and waiting rooms, chemotherapy and observation rooms, three exam rooms, the doctor's office and the nurses' station and bathroom.

"It's not a traditional classroom setting, the students have to tear down wallpaper, replace counter-

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Golden Living Center hosts senior prom

By Trey Williams
News Editor

We all remember the night of senior prom, whether it was magical or a disaster to be forgotten. The hours spent getting ready, dresses that sparkle in the moonlight and picking up your date who has never looked more beautiful. Saturday, Student Senate's Civic Service committee will host a senior prom at the Golden Living Center in Maryville, but these seniors are not your typical high school adolescents—Golden Living Center is a nursing home for senior citizens.

Junior Stefania Stro-

hman pioneered the event and got the idea in unusual circumstances.

"I was just sitting at home watching TV and I saw an old man dancing on a commercial and thought, 'That's going to be my philanthropy for next month. I'm doing a senior prom,'" Strohman said.

Strohman took the idea to Georgi Lane, activity director at Golden Living Center, and from there they hit the ground running.

"I think it's a wonderful idea," Lane said. "It gives the residents a sense of belonging... (The residents) are all very excited, because back when they were in school a

lot of them didn't have a senior prom."

Strohman said she and the rest of the committee have been working on short notice to put the event all together. She hopes that it is a success so next year they can do it again with a bit more planning. Lane also wants to see this senior prom go over well.

"Hopefully this will be the first of several in years to come," Lane said. "We hope the organization will want to come back and do it again. I hope it's a really big hit."

The senior prom will be 7-8 p.m. Saturday at the Golden Living Center on North Laura Street.

MARYVILLE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT POLICE REPORTS

Mar. 31
Steven D. Cureton Jr., 24, Maitland, Mo. was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and remaining on park property after hours at 600 block North Laura.

Matthew P. Crouse, 19, Maryville, Mo. was charged with possession of marijuana on park property after hours at 600 block North Laura.

Mason R. Berns, 23, Waukon, Ia. was charged with trespassing and failure to comply at 200 block East 1st Street.

Shannon C. Baker, 25, Estherville, Ia. was charged with trespassing, posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia and failure to comply at 200 block East 1st Street.

Apr. 4
There was a chimney fire reported at 1200 block East Crestview Drive.

There is an ongoing investigation for fraud at 800 block North Main.

There was a rubbish/grass fire reported at 25000 block Pleasant Drive.

Ryan J. Linke, 20, Maryville, Mo. was charged with possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia at 1900 block North Grand Avenue.

Nicholas D. Card, 19, Clarinda, Ia. was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at 1900 block North Grand Avenue.

Apr. 5
Jayakrishna R. Gokul, 21, Maryville, Mo. was charged with disorderly conduct at 100 block North Charles Street.

There is an ongoing investigation for unlawful use of weapon at 100 block South Vine.

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OUR VIEW - FOCUS ON QUALITY

Raise their salaries now

President John Jasinski and the Northwest Leadership Team frequently reference our mission statement, “Northwest focuses on student success – every student, every day.” They believe in that admirable goal, and make decisions based on it. But when it came time for the Board of Regents to vote March 29, they regrettably put Northwest’s focus on something else.

At 22:1, we already have the highest faculty-to-student ratio in the state. Never mind that these over-laden instructors are paid 75-90% of the average. Now that in-state undergraduate student tuition was raised less than it should have been, some positions will need to be dis-

solved. Not to mention, we will have even less buying power to attract other faculty, let alone quality ones.

Out-of-state students received another tuition increase, a 6 percent raise on top of a 5.49 percent increase just last year. Several regents thought this was a good exchange to keep in-state tuition low, because “we owe it to our Missouri taxpayers.” Considering Missouri expects to again cut our funding by 7 percent this year, we do not owe them much.

In fact, this would have been an ideal time to give those Nebraska, Kansas or Iowa students a break. The Finance Committee figured that if roughly 12-15 out-of-state students decided that

the tuition increases were too much and chose a different school, it would negate the financial benefits of the increase.

In the meantime, Northwest’s overall educational quality is at risk when our faculty are not taken care of. Student success begins in the classroom, with excellent instructors and the one-on-one attention you would expect from an institution of our size. Yes, we are threatened by the increased funding for Missouri’s A+ program, which would take potential students away from us and put them in community colleges. But if our plan was to differentiate ourselves from those types of institutions, would we not be better off increasing quality



KEVIN BIRDELL | CHIEF VISUAL JOURNALIST

DR. DOUG OVERMIER discusses an assignment with his Instrumental Composition and Arranging class on Tuesday. Northwest has a 22:1 faculty-to-student ratio, which is the highest in the state.

than lowering tuition?

Perhaps we need to re-define Northwest’s mission, vision and values statement. Maybe it should say, “Fo-

cus on student success – if our faculty can find intrinsic value in doing so, because we sure won’t offer that incentive.” Or maybe the Board of

Regents can consider a retro-active bill or action that would finally invest our funds into our most valuable resource: faculty.

Water supply could solve the big problems



For all the talk of climate change, energy crises, world hunger and malnutrition, ill-represented water conservation could be a refreshing solution. Conventional wisdom says that wasting any resources is inherently bad, whether in a suburban home or an industrial factory. However, the issue of water scarcity goes deeper than a chiding mother warning her kids not to leave the water running.

Our water supply runs on a closed-loop system that has recycled Earth’s water since its creation. In other words, the water supply we have now will still be here in the future.

So why are people in poverty-stricken areas dying from dehydration, even at a faster rate than war casualties? One reason is the sailor’s lament: Water, water everywhere and not a drop to drink. It is estimated that less than 1 percent of Earth’s water is drinkable. When industrial waste taints precious water reservoirs, environmentalists have a fit because of the scarcity of drinkable water.

The other reason is as simple as supply and demand. As developing countries’ populations continue to explode, their infrastructures remain operating at slower speeds. In 1990, 91 percent of Kenyans had access to safe drinking water. By 2008, that number dropped to 83 percent, according to the humanitarian news source AlertNet. In other areas, the water is either too dirty or too expensive for most people to use.

Think back to that closed-loop hydrologic system. If

one group - such as Americans - take out a proportionally massive amount of water, other groups - such as those living in developing countries - must rely on commercial reservoirs such as dammed and man-made lakes. And these can sometimes disrupt or delay the hydrologic system.

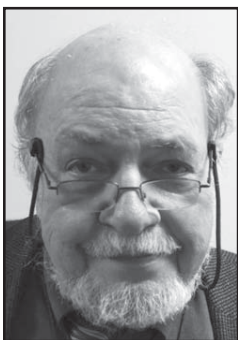
The Aral Sea disaster in northwest Uzbekistan is one such example. Once in company of the four largest lakes in the world, the 26,000 square mile inland sea shrank by 75 percent in 30 years due to poor irrigation planning. When the Soviet Union attempted to irrigate cotton and rice farms by diverting the water two large feeding rivers, the Aral Sea quickly dried. Worse, pesticide-rich runoff from the farms made its way back into the sea, killing all 20 indigenous fish species.

Domestically, floods and other natural disasters are notorious for spreading disease into our water system. When this happens, that portion of reserved water becomes undrinkable and we have a shortage on our hands. When this happens overseas, water treatment and supply infrastructures then have to raise prices, again devastating the impoverished.

It is pressing enough to elicit water-limiting ordinances from counties nationwide, including Cleveland and its five-stage plan, which was voted into effect April 5. Included is this caveat: all customers must reduce their water use by 20 percent in comparison to the previous month’s water bill. Until Maryville’s policies become that strict, do the world a favor and use water wisely.

CAMPUS TALK

Should our tuition increase to keep faculty jobs & give them raises?



“What really should happen is that the state should contribute to us(our school). It’s a lot different from years ago when we had the state contributing and now, it’s completely changed.”

Dr. Bruce Litte
English



“To my understanding, if they do increase, its not going to go towards professors. We are getting less money from the state than we usually do, so it’s going to the school.”

Dr. Jennifer Pratt-Hyatt
Psychology



“I don’t think it should be increased. We should have the top salary professors voluntarily give up some of their salary to the lower-paid professors.”

Brad Kramrie
History



“I believe there should be a slight increase. To me, it’s a balance of the professors’ salary and keeping the school functioning the way it is.”

Natalia Campbell
Biology/Psychology



“No, because we already paid a lot with in-state and out-of-state. If anything they should take money away from the activities from the within the school, such as the football team.”

Aaron Biddle
Corporate Recreation

By definition, America is no longer the world power



The heat swelters in the small, crowded courthouse. Sweat trickles down the necks of businessmen in the crowd who groan and stretch uncomfortably in the heat. A tall slender man steps up and raises his hands to quiet everyone. With his gaunt features and shortly cropped beard, the man commands respect. The crowd quiets as our 16th president, Abraham Lincoln, begins his acceptance speech for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate.

Lincoln would later go on during this speech to say “A house divided against itself cannot stand,” talking, of course, about the looming

threat of war.

Today it seems as though we are again stuck in 1858. Not in the sense of racial diversity, but in that our house is literally divided against itself. In the U.S. House, republicans control the majority 239:189, while the senate is controlled by the democrats 51:47. That combined with a republican-controlled congress and a staunch democratic president has put our country’s progress on hold. On top of that is an unemployment rate of 8.8 percent. The cherry on top is the combined \$14.3 billion debt America owes.

Even with all this, America continues to maintain the allure of a world super power. Is this a fair assessment of our current status?

A world power is defined as a powerful and influential

nation, especially a nuclear power that dominates its allies or client states in an international power block. On the surface, America appears to meet these qualifications, but if we take a closer look at our country, things begin to get a bit murky.

Influence. On the first day of bombing in Libya, the UN shot 124 missiles, 122 of which belonged to the U.S. America has flexed its military strength in many countries based either on “policies” or “hidden agendas.” However, other than our military might, the U.S.’ influence on the world is moot. Our culture and media have influence, but that is of little consequence in the scheme of things. Who will support a country that can barely pass a law to keep their country from shutting down? Our country’s

dollar value has fallen below the Australian dollar, Japanese yen and even the Canadian dollar. Our once proud nation has been reduced to a bully that’s all flash.

America could be defined as a world power if we have the power of influence. However, a crumbling economy and an almost insurmountable debt would make one think otherwise. The U.S.S.R. was in roughly the same position 25 years ago, with other countries buying up their debt. By over-extending themselves, the U.S.S.R. eventually collapsed.

Maybe the U.S. should take a step back from the spotlight and unite itself again under a banner of prosperity and due diligence instead of the world-altering, power-hungry country.

WHAT THE DEUCE - GOVERNMENT SPENDING

Budget debate results in insufficient cuts

Congress agreed to cut \$38.5 billion from the budget, pushing the deadline almost as far as they could before the feared shutdown. And while both sides are proud of their spending accountability, \$38.5 billion out of a \$14.2 trillion deficit is really nothing to brag about.

Consider some of the big ticket-items on the list of spending: Medicare and Medicaid, \$807 billion. Social Security, \$708 billion. Defense and wars, \$695 billion.

Medicaid is a particularly troubling scenario once you know its history. In 1991, the government health program enrolled about 25 million Americans at a cost of about \$100 billion. Twenty years later, Medicaid has doubled to enroll nearly 50 million Americans. In the same time, the cost tripled to \$300 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

In the presence of these monetary mammoths, democrats and republicans spent entire sessions evaluating minor slices in National Public Radio, Planned Parenthood and even the Department of Education.

It is time to face reality and start living within our means. At a time when 43 cents of every dollar that our government spends come from borrowed money, we are setting ourselves up for a serious collapse in a not-too distant future.

Absolving our federal budget will require both a reduction in spending and a drastic look at what we need to continue thriving as we once were. We can start by reducing some of the fat that we have become used to over the years. Hopefully, we will end with significantly reduced budgets across the board and a significantly smaller government.



DON WRIGHT | MCT CAMPUS

A SIMPLIFICATION OF the GOP’s budget recommendation illustrates drastic Medicaid and Medicare slashing, but retained defense spending. Congress finally agreed on \$38.5 billion worth of budget cuts April 8.

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THE WORLD RACE

Kenya

The Kenyan people are colorful, musical, and artistic. The Maasai bush, the Nairobi metropolis, and the Kibera slums comprise a country diverse yet unified in history.



Tanzania

Tanzania has a one-third split between Christianity, Islam, and indigenous religious groups. This diversity creates a colorful landscape of people and beliefs.



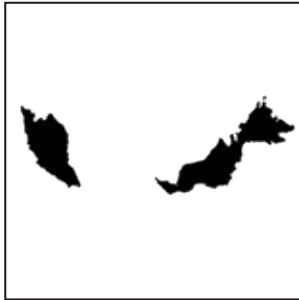
Uganda

This East African nation was also once a kingdom and British protectorate. During most of the later half of the 20th century, Uganda was under military rule, first under Idi Amin, the subject of the film *The Last King of Scotland*.



Malaysia

Malaysia has a tropical climate and the weather is warm all year round. Malays make up about 57% of the population and are the predominant group.



Cambodia

Cambodia houses one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Angkor Wat, a Hindu temple and monastery built during the Khmer empire in the 12th century.



Vietnam

By 1975, Vietnam was made whole again, but as a communist country. Even with the economic reforms and restoration of diplomatic ties human rights are limited in Vietnam



Former student's mission trip takes her to 11 countries

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Feature Editor

A student's initial reaction to change is fear - fear of giving up old priorities for new ones and leaving the normal world behind by taking those first steps into the direction of the unknown.

Rachel Rittman has thought about that fear since December. It was then when she discovered she would go on the trip of a lifetime after being accepted into the World Race program.

The World Race is a program through Adventures in Missions that selects men and women willing to give up a year of their time to travel to 11 different countries on a mission trip. The men and women who are accepted journey through one country per month, serving and evangelizing the gospel and spreading the word of God to the individuals who live there.

Rittman shares her excitement with students, talking about how she heard about the program and the differences she hopes it will make in her life.

"I had heard about it from some friends who I met in the previous summers working in San Diego for Summer Project. I had talked to one of my friends through Skype, heard about his adventures and thought it would be a great opportunity," Rittman said.

"I really hadn't thought seriously about going until we had a summer project reunion where the topic came up again. I thought and prayed about it and made the decision to apply in November."

Rittman said that her parents were supportive of her interest, and with their help and prayers, she finally made the decision to apply. The decision to take a year off from school was a good decision, Rittman said, because it came at a time in her life when she was just starting to change her ideas about schoolwork and her future.

"I had just started thinking about changing my major and the trip just happened to come at a time in my life when a lot of different plans that I had made had ended up not working. It was meant to be," Rittman said.

The trip will be a big step in Rittman's life, asking her to leave everything she has known for a year. While she does have some anxiety about the trip, she continues to be at peace with it by looking to members of AIM and her community.

"I am scared because 11 months is a long time. The relationships with people that I have made over the years will be completely different when I get back. People who I have known since my freshman year will be graduated and married, plus this is my first time ever leaving the country," Rittman said.

Rittman stays positive, knowing that she will be immersed into completely new cultures quickly and have her eyes opened to new things, ultimately changing her life forever.

"I think by being put in these situations, faith is our only thing to go off of, I am so ready to not have the ability to fall back on what I'm used to," Rittman said.

Rittman worked since January to raise funds for the trip, which will cost \$18,000. She has managed to raise close to \$7,000 already through t-shirt sales and donations. She will host a garage sale at the end of this semester to help fund her trip, selling whatever does not fit in her travel backpack. Rittman will even sell her car in order to pay for the trip. She continues to stay positive, knowing she has the constant support of friends and family behind her.

Rittman's decision is a message to all students that if your passion leads you to new and different situations, you could find yourself on a plane headed for a different country or two.

Philippines

This Asian island nation, once a Spanish colony and an American protectorate, is a country in tension, trying to cross the threshold between the third and first world.



China

While China has grown in leaps and bounds industrially, intellectually and even economically, it's still a politically closed nation.



Ukraine

Caught between its past oppression under the USSR communist regime and the desire to be accepted by Western society, Ukraine is a land of many ups and downs.



Moldova

Once a part of Romania, this former Soviet republic declared independence in 1991. Moldova, one of the poorest European countries, is riddled with a high underground crime rate.



Romania

The northern regions of Romania are home to the Gypsy community. Though strangers in their homeland and forgotten by society, the Gypsies are a strong and vibrant people.



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SALARY

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paid. At this point, it would take \$1.5 million just to bring them all up to the market average, according to Provost Doug Dunham.

"A lot of them understand that these are tough economic times and they are just thankful that they have a job," Tom Billesbach, dean of Booth College, said.

Northwest hitches its complicated salary matrix onto survey data from College

and University Professional Association for Human Resources. CUPA collects surveys from over 200,000 faculty and staff belonging to universities nationwide. The market data that Northwest uses as a benchmark comes from 315 public institutions, with a median enrollment of 8,500 students.

The surveys reveal that other institutions have not been able to raise tuition lately, either. Average salary increases for public institutions have remained at 0 percent for 2010 and 2011, according to CUPA data.

Yet even stable market data can create inequities in faculty and staff salaries. Salary differences between different faculty ranks bring up a whole new problem, according to Fulton.

"Another problem is that we use a formula for new hires depending upon the area and then the national median average of what new hires are paid," Fulton said. "...Sometimes people have been here awhile, especially with no raises, and then we hire people at the going median average of salaries, by and large, and sometimes the

new people are making more than the old people. Particularly when that translates into instructors or assistants being paid more than associates or full professors."

Even national CUPA figures show that disparity. A new assistant professor in the business management, marketing and related services discipline, which is three ranks down from professor, earned \$93,926 in 2010. That figure eclipsed those of assistant professor and associate professor, superior ranks that were paid \$6,678 and \$159 less, respectively.

"We tend to see the greatest fluctuation in the assistant professor rank," Dunham said. "Because that rank is the one where there's more competition. So when you're a new assistant professor, you have the opportunity to go basically anywhere."

So when Northwest administration maps out salaries for next year, they have a lot to evaluate. After the Board of Regents voted to limit the amount of money they use for salaries by increasing the tuition less than was expected, the approach shifted. Certain faculty and

staff positions are now on the line.

A balanced budget must be ready by the start of the fiscal year, July 1. While certain programs were retained and in-state undergraduate students will see less of a tuition raise than expected, faculty and staff will continue to wait for their recompense.

"Faculty don't go into this for making big bucks, generally speaking," Fulton said. "So one doesn't expect large salaries, but one still needs to expect that you will be in a profession that will reward you for what you do."

BCU

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tionship with us and share their progress since that initial meeting.

"Coming back here, what we feel is that there is just this incredible seam of things to get into about why Northwest is a special place educationally, because of the extent in which faculty and students interact in the aspects of your work," Stuart Brand, BCU director of learn-

ing and teaching, said.

Between meetings with Northwest administration, student employment facilitators, student employees and alumni, the BCU representatives praised Northwest for its high level of student engagement in student employment.

"We are convinced that you have something extremely special here," Brand said. "And maybe sometimes you take that specialness for granted because you are so immersed in it. But for people like us, it's a constant

shock. And from that very first visit, we resolved to do more stuff very quickly."

BCU recently won a bid for a project through the U.K.'s Higher Education Academy, called Change Academy. Change Academy invites universities to propose a large-scale institutional change, and BCU's was centered around student employment. Already, four other English universities have expressed interest in BCU's model and have requested collaborations with BCU based on what they

have learned and developed from Northwest.

The idea of student employment, although common among American universities, is rare in foreign countries. These BCU representatives had to convince their administration that it could be beneficial for their university.

"We think the ideas are actually quite simple, and yet sometimes folks talk to us as if we have invented a new discipline," Brand said. "The idea that faculty and students might work together isn't - in

our view - revolutionary, but to some people it seems it is."

Paula McLain, coordinator of Student Employment, considers it a blessing to work alongside students. Her Career Pathing training and orientation plan began in 2005, and is among the recognized facets of Northwest's program.

"I think some (universities) had certain components, like 'Yeah, we give our students wage increases based on longevity of service,' or 'Yeah, we do evalua-

tions.' But nobody really tied it all together like we do with the Career Pathing program," McLain said.

According to BCU Head of Learning Partnerships Luke Millard, they would now like to see student employment grow to include 10 percent of their 22,000 student base. Until then, they remain fascinated and inspired by Northwest's development in student employment.

"We would give great credit to this institution for having stimulated our thinking so much," Brand said.

PHASE II

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with handrails will be placed to allow customers access to businesses.

Maryville City Manager Matt LeCerf expects construction to be finished sometime in the middle of June.

LeCerf says the project was started because of the

downtown area's impact on the success of the town.

"The project was started because of the commitment of the county, community and city to the downtown area. It is the core and character of Maryville," LeCerf said.

Loch Sand and Construction out of Maryville is working on Phase II of the project and Phase III is being done by the Amino Brothers Company out of Kansas City, Mo.

CENTER

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tops, do wall treatments, discuss flooring options and more," Memken said. "It's more like a lab."

Memken and her students agreed that the community of Maryville has been more than supportive, by generously donating to their efforts. Local con-

struction vendors took part in the completion of the project by offering many discounts and services for free.

Student Madison Glidewell admits that aside from the budget, the hardest aspect of the project has been the unanticipated problem solving.

"I was surprised at how much research has to go into it. It's been a great experience but it's been tough since day one," Glidewell

said.

Memken agrees, stating that the aspect of not knowing what they were getting into beforehand has placed unexpected roadblocks in their way. These blocks, along with the project's tight budget, hinders its progress.

Once completed, the center will accommodate 20 to 25 patients a week. The staff will be comprised of two doctors who will come in from St. Joseph on Mon-

day and Thursday, along with four to six nurses and a receptionist. The center will also offer chemotherapy and counseling session.

Memken and her team plans to present the idea to St. Francis Hospital April 19 in hopes to gain a majority of their funding from its foundation.

"It's magnificent to have the opportunity to help people, but it is also a great experience to incorporate into a classroom," Memken said.

SENATE

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for the United ticket, along with Jordan Raffety, Jennifer McCoy and Haley Lewin.

"The first thing that I'm going to actually work on is really just filling up Senate for next year, building a larger coalition," Maddux said. "I've been going along with the rest of our members. They've been going and talking to a lot of organizations that have never even had contact with Senate, ever. I've been en-

couraging their members to actually run for Senate because we know even if everyone's selected tonight, there's going to be about four or five positions open and really to start interacting and really to be able to do things as a body, you have to first have a body here."

The polls are accessible on CatPAWS until tomorrow at 5 p.m. Students can also vote on their class representative, either on-or-off-campus representative and legislation that would eliminate the Missouri Academy seat.

BASEBALL

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the fourth inning. Senior Michael Butler knocked in Lawyer from second base, but was cut down at second base trying to stretch a single into a double.

Back-to-back walks set the table for Baker's two-run triple, pushing the lead to 13-0 by inning's end.

With Baker's day done on the mound, Tripp was called in from the bullpen to nail the door shut on the Bulldogs. The 'Hounds quickly found themselves in a bases loaded situation. However, Tripp forced a groundout back to the pitcher, threw home to the new catcher, Lawyer, who fired to first to complete the game-ending

double play.

Baker finished his day with six strikeouts in his four innings of work to go with his 2-for-4, three RBI-day at the plate.

"Coach Scarbrough's focus today was just driving the ball, don't worry about balls and strikes," Baker said. "If you see it, hit it. That's what we did today and I think as a team we did really well with that."

Scarbrough capped off his day at the plate, going 1-for-2 with a homerun and three RBI.

Coleman ended 2-for-2 with his solo-homerun and three RBI.

The 'Hounds hit the field again at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at Savannah High School and are back at home at 4:30 p.m. Friday against Cameron at Maryville High School.

WAR

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respect for the men who fought and died during the war," Rice said.

Corneal's lecture looked back on the 80 years leading up to the Civil War. He discussed several compromises and why they failed, the institution of slavery and the condition of Nodaway

County during the war.

People could sample foods from the Civil War era at the event such as teacake, a spice cake topped with powdered sugar and Garfield cookies, a basic sugar cookie at the time.

The Historical Society has other events planned throughout the year to remember the Civil War's 150 anniversary. More information can be found at nodawayhistorical.net.

TENNIS

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and earned his team a quick point winning 8-4.

Bostwick was able to rebound from Monday's loss with an 8-5 win.

"I hope Eric Bostwick

keeps having good matches," Erspamer said. "He kind of struggled early in his match on Monday, so I hope he can get ahead in his next match."

The 'Hounds defeated the Mustangs, 5-4.

The 'Hounds square off against Benton at 4 p.m. today at the Northwest High Rise Courts.

PITCH

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top of the seventh inning for the Jennies.

Prior to the Central Missouri series, Northwest and SBU squared off with two strong pitching performances capturing wins for each team.

Creger threw seven innings of three-hit, shutout softball in a 2-0 win in game one. She also added 10 strikeouts.

Sophomore second baseman Hailee Hendricks drove in the "green" 'Cats only run, while a SBU error allowed another run to cross the plate.

In game two, Josie Rose fanned 11 Northwest hitters and earned a 3-2 win for the "purple" 'Cats.

Northwest traveled to Kansas City Wednesday, facing Rockhurst in a double-header series. Results were unavailable as of press time.

The 'Cats are back in action this weekend at the MIAA North Crossover Tournament in Kirksville, Mo.

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A new perspective

Junior Wide Receiver Jake Soy spends the day in a wheelchair

Amanda Schulte-Smith
Feature Editor

Respect: a feeling of deep admiration for someone or something elicited by their abilities, qualities or achievements. Webster can define respect but never feel the emotion a human being has after paying witness to something amazing. Respect was the one word that student athlete Jake Soy said summarized his experience after spending Tuesday in a wheelchair.

Many times a student notices an individual who is handicapped and will either hold the door open or offer assistance, never understanding the physical and mental challenges they face everyday. The University provides ramps, elevators and railings to help ease the challenge for disabled students, but do not stop to think twice about if the extra amenities are truly helpful. It is not until someone attempts to learn the individual struggle, that the things we think can be fixed by automatic doors and elevators are brought to light.

Junior Jake Soy took on the task of spending his day in a wheelchair. Arriving at Wells Hall in the morning he carefully placed his backpack on the back of the wheelchair and practiced pushing himself on flat ground. He quickly noticed that his day would expose him to various challenges he would have never noticed before.

The All-American football star jumped at the opportunity to see through another person's eyes and learn what it could be like for an individual who is handicapped and gets around by wheelchair. Although the project was done in order to see how well the University provided alternative routes for persons in wheelchairs, the information he got from the experience was so much more.

With some assistance out of the building, Soy left Wells Hall in his wheelchair. He immediately noticed the

physical demands but did not anticipate the mental strain that would follow. "As far as physical demands, it was pretty tough, but mentally it was so much worse," Soy said. "The mental effects outweigh the physical effects. People would stare and you could tell that they were trying to figure out if they should help me or not."

Soy explained that the struggles he encountered could only be appreciated by those who went through it personally. He said he could never imagine dealing with the situation daily.

"I got caught in doors all day. When I was in the library, I didn't want to leave to get lunch because I thought about how long it would take me to get to the Union and back. It was really hard to rely on other people," Soy said.

The day revealed many events the senior had never thought of, such as getting through doors, getting up hills and maneuvering around campus using only his arms. Soy talked about how he often stayed in one place because he did not want to travel around campus again. He even talked about how hard it was to get in and out of bathrooms, having to cheat and use his legs to fit into the stall. The day was long, Soy said, admitting that he had been changed from the experience forever.

"The degree of difficulty was indescribable. Walking around campus, you see people in wheelchairs and acknowledge them, but you never really consider what they have to go through," Soy said.

Soy walked out of Wells Hall at the end of the day, watching his feet move step by step, appreciating the walk that got him home knowing that many of his peers would not have that luxury. Knowing that flashes of this day would surface the next time he stepped onto the football field, left him with a new appreciation, a new perspective and a new respect for the individuals he mirrored that Tuesday.



Did you know?

An estimated 2.7 million people aged 15 and older use a wheelchair. Another 9.1 million use an ambulatory aid such as crutches or a walker.

JUNIOR WIDE RECEIVER Jake Soy talks with students about spending his day in the wheelchair. He talks about how it was both physically and mentally draining.



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SOY PRACTICES PUSHING the wheelchair for the first time outside of Wells Hall Tuesday. The junior comments on how physically demanding the task was on him.



What's HOT

The little bunny that could

Recently released “Hop” stays on top at the box office. Adding cute and cuddly animals to equally cute actors, this movie continues to raise excitement for Easter festivities.

Republicans rejoice

Republican Mitt Romney took the official first steps toward running for president. He is the first Republican to step forward for the 2012 election.

The royal “I do”

With only days left until Prince William and Kate Middleton wed, entertainment news stations are flooded with prenuptial updates and the latest scoop on the ever-growing guest list.

What's NOT

Japan suffers with aftershock

Japanese officials had to offer one more person to the death toll Monday after a magnitude 6.6 tremor shook buildings in Tokyo.

Your Highness ignores the Oscars

James Franco and Natalie Portman put their Oscar career on the back burner with the release of their new movie Your Highness.

Foo Fighters look back

By Amanda Schulte-Smith
Feature Editor

Foo Fighters front man Dave Grohl continues to establish himself as a great songwriter with the release of the band's new album, Wasting Light. The band's intent was to make a great rock album and they succeeded.

Wasting Light is the band's first album since 2007. They took their time perfecting it with the help of some of Grohl's old friends, Nirvana bassist Krist Novoselic and Alan Moulder, the man who produced Nirvana's Nevermind. Grohl takes the cake for most creative album, proving himself as a true artist by combining his knowledge of sound with

his passion for lyrics.

The band made many great choices ranging from sound to lyrics in Wasting Light. Grohl used inspiration from his former band, Nirvana, to write some exceptional rock music for this album inspired by the late Kurt Cobain. The band spent a lot of time and money making the album and the end result was well worth it. The edgy sounds of the '90s are refined and given a new life in the album, appealing to old fans and attracting new listeners.

With Grohl's recent return behind the drum set playing with “Them Crooked Vultures,” toying ideas and sounds around with an original member of Led Zeppelin, it is clear that he

learned a thing or two during that time. The sounds of the new album are simple but appealing. The band performs some heavy hitting metal beats with a dash of pop music.

The album has a mix of '90s head banging with something that could come out of a Goo Goo Dolls song thrown together with powerful lyrics and an added twist of power ballads. The album even includes something for metal heads with the song “White Limo.” The song may seem like a stretch for Foo Fighter listeners, but the album proves that when you look to your past, or at least when you look for music inspiration from Dave Grohl's past, you will surely find success.



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THE STROLLER

Your man lost the will to keep complaining

I can't believe I'm saying this, but I really don't want summer to come anytime soon. No, I'm not worried about finals. I figure fate already has those figured out for me, so why fight it? I'm actually upset because school's coming to an end, and with it are all my reasons to complain.

I wasn't about to be done complaining about how long the school year is. In fact, it feels like I just got started. Heck, I probably have a good six weeks left of gripes in me, and now that summer's here, there's no reason for me to voice them. You unfortunate saps wouldn't be around to hear them anyway, so what's the point?

My whining about that self-conscious freshman girl, who I at first kind of thought was cute but then turned out to be a self-conscious freshman girl,

was finally getting good, but then stupid school had to end. Carla, I hope a summer's worth of uncomfortable moments with flirty middle-aged balding men at Target gives you a better sense of self-confidence. You are beautiful in your own way, but for the love of Pete, invest in a vacuum or bury your cat. Fur coats are so '90s.

Oh yeah, cats. You know those cats that run around all the time? I had a really good bellyache about them, but I must have been so busy watching Carla cuddle with them behind Millikan that I forgot it. Seriously Carla, those things are wild animals. If you want a pet, get a fish. You can get the glowing ones at Wal-Mart for, like, 75 cents.

Noodles in the cafeteria gave me the runs again. There was a punchline

to that, but we'll be home in a few weeks anyway, trying to decide which Major League Baseball game on TV is less boring, so there's no reason in telling you.

Geez oh Pete. I could come up with something clever or witty to complain about, if only Northwest didn't give us a Sparknotes school year, but it would just sound ungrateful. Summer's here and I should say something nice instead – Carla, I hope that cute older guy down the street notices your summer tan and gives you a noncommittal greeting, including but not limited to, “What's up,” “Hey there,” “What's happening,” or “Where did you get that exquisite mink coat?”

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS

- 1 One in charge
- 5 Ticketless rail rider
- 9 Resell at a major markup
- 14 Pirate's syllables
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- 16 More virtuous
- 17 Coach's pregame lecture
- 19 University of Maine town
- 20 Raptor's roost
- 21 Late-night Jay
- 23 Diarist Anaïs
- 24 Home seller-and-buyer's short-term loan
- 28 TV revue since '75
- 29 Acting instructor's deg., perhaps
- 30 Start to knock?
- 34 Pop music's Lady

- 37 Surround securely
- 41 1929 women's air race, as dubbed by Will Rogers
- 44 Rail rider
- 45 1944 invasion city
- 46 Spot for a hoop
- 47 WWII espionage gp.
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- 61 Gambling city
- 62 Assumed identity
- 63 Absolut rival, for short
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- 68 Fruit served in balls
- 69 Way to store pix
- 70 Prepare for a shot
- 71 Speak at length
- 72 Soup veggies
- 73 Job opening

DOWN

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By Bruce Venzke and Gail Grabowski

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- 3 Puppeteer Lewis
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- 5 Wallop
- 6 Harem room
- 7 Attorney Melvin
- 8 Like wine barrels
- 9 Pampered
- 10 Mangy mongrel
- 11 Rice—
- 12 Bolshevik leader
- 13 Plug projection
- 18 Tapped barrels
- 22 '60s-'70s service site, briefly
- 25 Certain Caltech grad: Abbr.
- 26 Envelope parts
- 27 Desert mount
- 30 Well-chosen
- 31 Fish-fowl connection
- 32 Bygone intl. carrier
- 33 Jerk
- 35 Instinctive, as a feeling
- 36 Company with a web-footed spokesperson
- 38 Short relative?

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JUNIOR TYLER WALTER returns a serve against a Cameron player in his No. 1 singles match on Monday. Walter won his match 8-0, helping the Spoofhounds to a 7-2 victory.

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Spring Spotlight

See how three of Northwest's most dynamic players on offense and defense fared in their first full contact scrimmage of the year.



Junior wide receiver Jake Soy- After snagging 86 passes for 1,311 yards and 12 touchdowns, the All-American was held without a catch in the spring scrimmage.



Sophomore running back Jordan Simmons- The speedy tailback carried the ball seven times for 27 yards. Simmons also hauled in four passes for 9 yards.



Junior linebacker Chad Kilgore- The All-American linebacker was in full force Saturday, dragging down five tackles. Kilgore also picked off an errant pass.

THE WIRE

‘Soccer Fest’ to benefit Japan

The Northwest soccer team announced a fundraiser to benefit the victims of the Japan earthquakes. All benefits will go to the Red Cross, as the team wants to raise \$1,000. Also participating are head football coach Scott Bostwick and President John Jasinski. Both will be team captains in a penalty-kick competition. There will also be an 8-on-8 tournament and a soccerball juggling contest. The day's events begin at 9:30 a.m. Sunday with the 8-on-8 competitions.

Boy's golf picks up back-to-back tournament victories

The Spoofhound golf team picked up back-to-back tournament victories this past week. Maryville picked up wins in Shenandoah, Iowa on Tuesday and Cameron, Mo on Wednesday. The 'Hounds topped Savannah by 11 strokes to claim the win in Cameron. Sophomore Trey Maughan was the top finisher in Cameron collecting second place with a 1-over-par 72, after collecting seventh place in Shenandoah. Senior Trevor Shell earned second place in Shenandoah with a 4-over-par 74 to go along with an 11th place in Cameron. The 'Hounds collected seven additional individual medalist honors in the tournaments. Senior Tanner Reames earned third and fourth place finishes. Senior Spencer Barr collected fifth and 11th places. Senior Matt Downing added sixth and 11th place finishes. Sophomore Kyle Leslie earned 13th in Tuesday's action. The 'Hounds return to the course today for a makeup match against Savannah. Friday Maryville travels to Richmond, Mo., for tournament play.

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Most Intriguing Position Change:
P Joe Bedard
Senior Joe Bedard made a fairly seamless switch from linebacker to punter, punting 12 times, six for each team, in the spring game. He amassed 481 yards, for a 40.1 average and landed one punt inside of the 20 yardline. Bedard worked on directional punting and kept the ball away from the returners.

Play of the Game:
Christopher to Utter 39-yard pass
The senior quarterback found sophomore wide receiver Clint Utter running behind the defense down the left sideline on the third play of the second half, setting the Green offense up on the White 35-yardline. The play got the Green offense on a roll and four minutes later, Christopher broke the plain for the touchdown.

Best Freshman:
RB Denver Lohnes
True freshman running back Denver Lohnes had a big impact out of the Green backfield. He was the leading rusher in the game, amassing 38 yards on 11 carries and adding another 33 yards receiving on five catches, including a 29 yard screen pass that set up the game's only touchdown.

Most Improved:
LB Matt Massey
Junior linebacker Matt Massey was all over the field for the white defense, being around the ball all evening and making a game-high seven tackles, including a tackle for a loss. Massey also broke up a pass and almost came away with the interception.

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topher punched it in two plays later to give the Green squad a lead it would not relinquish. "They (Green offense) settled down a little bit," Bostwick said. "They were a little nervous out here in front of all these people, but I think that was good to see. "I wish the white team could have got off and got into the zone as well." Junior cornerback Gordi Metzler and redshirt freshman linebacker Jayron Robinson each picked off a pass in the second half. Metzler's led to a 38-yard field goal near the end of the third quarter by sophomore kicker Todd Adolf. In addition to the three picks, the Green defense sacked quarterback Trevor Adams three times and held Soy without a catch, even with a completely new secondary. "Honestly, for a bunch of new guys, both sides did pretty well," Bostwick said. "How about that? Coach Wright's guys did a great job defending him. That wasn't the plan." Robinson's interception of sophomore quarterback Tyler Seal's pass was the final play of the 2011 spring game. Northwest has the summer to prepare for the season opener against Truman State at 7:30 p.m. Sept. 1 in Kirksville, Mo.

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If nothing else can be taken from the product on the field, fans found out that the marketing team is good at what they do and that Northwest football is still as marketable as ever. But as for the on-field product, there is a lot of work still to be done. With only a handful of practices together and the loss of 18 seniors, most of whom played key roles, there is a lot of construction in progress. The defense returns just two starters, but managed to hold Jake Soy catchless in the spring game. The offensive line and quarterback positions are still big question marks as summer fast approaches. The 10-0 Green team win in the spring game doesn't mean much in the grand scheme of things, but it does exactly what a spring game is meant to do: leave fans wanting more. That anticipation is what holds fans over until the fall season gets here, and it can't get here soon enough. I'm curious to see how this team will evolve, how Bostwick will handle the spotlight that comes with the job and what identity this team ultimately develops. Let the waiting game begin.

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Boys get healthier, pick up win

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

After injuries plagued the boys' track team early on in the season, the squad is starting to get back to full strength.

The Spoofhounds flexed their returned strength to the tune of a 20-point win at the Northwest Spoofhound Invitational.

Even though the meet was equipped with electronic timing and a photo finish, a mistake caused the meet to have to be scored by hand, keeping the teams in the

dark about their competition's point total.

"We're starting to get a little healthier – we definitely had more of a full squad," boys' head track coach Chris Holt said. "So it's nice that the kids performed – especially in the dark, you don't really know where you are team-standing wise.

"I'm really proud of the kids – they performed real well. Hopefully we can get healthier and we get kind of normal, because we're still not there yet."

Junior Chris Holt-

man won three events in the meet – 200-meter dash, 110m hurdles and 300m hurdles. Sophomore Derek Steins took the top spot in the pole vault with a mark of 12' 6".

The girls could not keep up their winning ways earning second behind Smithville by 17 1/2 points.

Senior Taylor Gadbois was a part of three winning events. The senior won the 200m, and was a member of the winning 4x200m and 4x400m relays.

"It was a pretty

good job – it was 12 teams so it was a very competitive meet," girls head track coach Grant Hageman said. "I thought we had a decent number of (personal records), probably not as many as I would have liked.

"There's still a lot of areas where we need to get better and we can't afford to make any mistakes this year because some of our conference schools like Smithville and Chillicothe."

The teams are back in action Tuesday in Smithville, Mo., at the Warrior Relays.



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JUNIOR HOLLY WILMARTH leaps over a hurdle, trying to catch a Penney High School opponent. Wilmarth came in second in the 100-meter hurdles on Tuesday at Herschel Neil Track.

Baker cruises to first win, shutout

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

There was no lack of insurance runs Monday night for the Spoofhounds and sophomore pitcher Jonathan Baker.

Riding Baker's four scoreless innings of pitching and a pair of homeruns by juniors Charlie Coleman and Payton Scarbrough, Maryville crushed East Buchanan 13-0.

The 'Hounds did not waste any time jumping on the Bulldogs, plating three runs in the first inning.

"The runs helped (Baker), helped him relax and helped him throw strikes knowing our guys would play defense for him," head coach Tom Scarbrough said.

Coleman smashed a lead-off homerun in the second inning and was followed by sophomore Tyler Tripp's RBI

double.

The bottom of the third inning did not provide any relief for the Bulldogs' pitching woes. Maryville pushed six runs across in the third frame, including Scarbrough's two-run, moon shot homerun.

Coleman also chipped in a two-run RBI double in the inning, while Baker helped himself out by bringing a run home on a groundout.

Baker stomped out any chances of a Bulldog rally in the top of the fourth. With runners on first and second base, the sophomore pitcher picked off the runner at second, who was eventually tagged out in a rundown.

Senior outfielder Cole Lawyer hustled into second base on a bloop-hit into left field to lead off the bottom of



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SOPHOMORE PITCHER JONATHAN Baker hurls a pitch to a East Buchanan batter on Monday afternoon at Maryville High School. Baker went four innings, struck out six batters and gave up three hits in the Spoofhounds' 13-0 win.

Doubles carry boy's to back-to-back wins

By Orlando Carrizales
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofhounds controlled doubles play against conference rival Cameron on Monday.

"We wanted to win all three doubles," head coach Hannah Erspamer said. "The weather kept us off (the courts) all last week so hopefully we can come back and do well today."

Maryville surrendered only five games in doubles to sweep 3-0.

Juniors Eric Bostwick and Tyler Walter's communication and smooth play lead to an 8-0 doubles win.

The rest of the team was able to pick up the next two doubles matches to shut out Cameron.

In singles, Walter and senior Dillon Luke shut out their opponents 8-0.

The 'Hounds gave up only

two matches to the Dragons.

Bostwick's singles match went the distance, but the junior was unable to pick up the victory.

Senior Kyle Macali relied on his strong serve to carry him to his 8-5, 8-2 wins.

Maryville went on to win 7-2 against Cameron.

The 'Hounds traveled to Shenandoah, Iowa Wednesday to face the Mustangs.

"We didn't really know their line up," Erspamer said. "They are an Iowa school so we don't really know who we are playing against."

The team managed to win two out of the three doubles matches. Walter and Bostwick notched an 8-5 doubles victory.

Senior Dillon Luke controlled his singles match early

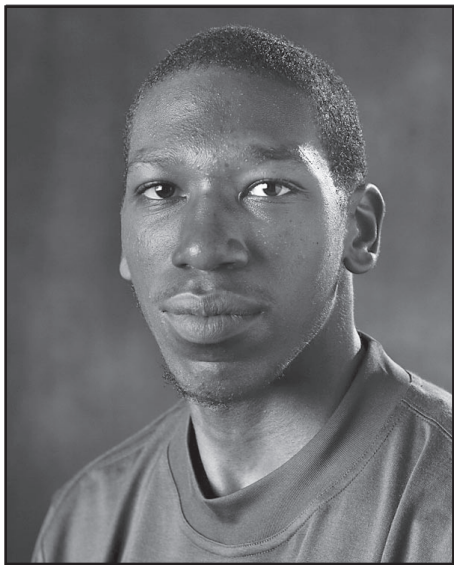
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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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Tyler Shaw



Junior Tyler Shaw preliminary qualified in the 110-meter hurdles and won the 200-meter dash at the Central Methodist Invitational on Saturday.

Jenna Creger



Sophomore pitcher Jenna Creger threw seven complete innings against Central Missouri and improved her record to 12-6.

Jonathan Baker



Sophomore Jonathan Baker went four innings for the win in Maryville's 13-0 win over East Buchanan on Monday. He also went 2-for-4 with three RBI.

Taylor Gadbois



Senior Taylor Gadbois won the 200-meter dash and 4x200 and 4x400-meter relays at the Northwest Spoofhound Invitational on Tuesday.

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JUNIOR CATCHER LANDINN Eckhardt smacks the ball during the 'Cats' 6-3 game one win over Nebraska-Omaha. The 'Cats swept UNO after a 9-1 win in the second game of the double-header.

Rosales fuels sweep of Mavericks

By Chris Schoonover
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcats continued their late season push, sweeping Nebraska-Omaha on Tuesday night. In game one, the 'Cats scored three runs in the third inning, led by junior second baseman Alec Rosales' solo homerun. The Mavericks responded in the fifth inning by scoring three runs of their own, but the Bearcats answered in the sixth inning with another three-run inning and a 6-3 win.

Rosales finished the game 2-for-4 with three RBI and two runs scored. Sophomore left fielder Jake Kretzer went 2-for-3 with one RBI in the winning effort. "The more those guys hit, the more the players behind them hit," head coach Darrin Loe said. "We expect them to do it and more guys to come along and do it, too." Senior pitcher Jayson Huett got the win in his 2 1/3 innings of relief. He finished with two strikeouts and gave up two hits. The second game of the

evening showed a balance of offense and pitching. The 'Cats' bats exploded in the fourth inning as they scored seven runs and tacked on one more in the seventh inning to seal the 9-1 victory. "We continued to swing the bats real well and continued to get good pitching," Loe said. "That's what we have been waiting for and fortunately it has appeared in the last seven games." Junior catcher Landinn Eckhardt went 3-for-4 with an RBI and a run scored. Juniorfirstbaseman Geno DeAngelis batted 2-for-3 on

the day with a run scored. Sophomore pitcher Chase Anderson pitched 7 1/3 innings of shutout baseball and gave up five hits. "After the end of the first half we weren't where we wanted to be," Loe said. "The guys have stayed positive and have had great weeks of practice and it's paying off." The 'Cats (12-20, 11-15) have won five out of their last six. Northwest attempts to continue their success at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bearcat Field against Pittsburg State in the first of two double-headers.

Golfers coast into MIAA meet

By Bryce Mereness
Chief Sports Reporter

With the MIAA tournament coming up on Monday and Tuesday, the Northwest golf team picked a good time to start playing its best rounds of the spring. The women picked up two tournament championships over the weekend. One victory came at the William Jewell Invitational in Liberty, Mo., and the other at the Central Iowa College Invitational in Pella, Iowa. The Bearcats shot their spring-season-low Tuesday in Liberty, needing just 338 strokes to finish the round.

"By having these two back-to-back competitions and having success in both of them - that we are peaking at the right time," head coach Pat McLaughlin said. "Some of the girls are still having some challenges with their short game. If we can get that worked out the rest of this week in practice and qualifications, we should be in a position to play as well as we're capable of playing by next week." Freshmen Cassie Lowell and Kristina D'Angela picked up the top two spots individually. Lowell shot a tournament-low 75 on day two and finished 18-over-par. D'Angela ended up at 25-over-par after taking the lead out of the first day. Senior Erin Luchtel

tied for eighth. Seniors Jessica Feuerbach and Lauren Atkinson tied for 19th. "One of the things, of course, when you come off the long winter - with the inability to get outside and really do much in the way of practicing other than hitting in nets - it always takes a while," McLaughlin said. "It's been my experience over the last 10 years that it's kind of slow getting started, but that's why we scheduled the five competitions this spring - so we could actually get out and compete." Even though the weather did not cooperate with the Bearcat golfers, it still lent experience to the team in time for the culmination of their year. McLaughlin said the team should be ready to face any situation. "It's an outdoor sport - it's a spring sport - so it's something you have to learn how to play in cold weather, wet weather, windy weather," McLaughlin said. "But, it's one of those situations where you can't control (it). Everyone is playing in the same adverse elements, but some teams are just able to handle it better than others, and I think our team is prepared to handle whatever they throw at us." Northwest tees off at the MIAA Tournament Monday morning at Tiffany Greens Golf Course in Kansas City.

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SOPHOMORE PITCHER JENNA Creger winds up a curveball in the 'Cats' 5-3 win over Central Missouri Saturday. The 'Cats split the double-header after losing to the Mules 9-0 in the second game.

Bats continue hitting woes

By Tony Botts
Sports Editor

The Northwest softball team's hitting struggles continued against Southwest Baptist and Central Missouri last weekend. The Bearcats earned series splits against the Bearcats of SBU and the Jennies. "Disappointing, the whole weekend was, not just the Central (series)," head coach Ryan Anderson said. "Both games, it wasn't that we played poorly. We're just struggling at the plate." Northwest (21-11, 10-4 MIAA) rode three Central Missouri (21-17, 6-6 MIAA) errors and took game one 5-3, Saturday. Sophomore pitcher Jenna Creger tossed seven complete innings against Central, fanning seven Jennies and did allow an earned run. First baseman Angela

Wright powered the 'Cats at the plate, finishing 2-for-3 with a solo homerun and a double. The 'Cats lost 9-0 in game two. Northwest batters collected just three hits, while the Jennies pounded out 15 hits against two Northwest pitchers. "We know we're a good hitting team," Anderson said. "We have good hitters, we know we can hit off anybody. But right now it's in our head. That's just something, somehow, we got to change and make (the hitters) believe it doesn't matter who we're facing." Sophomore pitcher Morgan Brunmeier threw six and two-thirds innings while surrendering five earned runs and 11 hits. Katie Groves smashed a grand slam and Jaydee Young crushed a three-run homerun in an eight-run, SEE PITCH | A6

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DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR RICH Wright instructs the Green team defense during a break in the Spring Game. Wright served as coach of the Green team, leading them to a 10-0 win over the White squad.

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“ It was everything we wanted. The kids were out here early with our players. What an awesome day. I don’t know how this could have gone any better, quite honestly.”

Head coach
Scott Bostwick

Lack of offense, sound defense leads to a very low-scoring affair

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Football was back in Maryville on Saturday, even if only just for one day as 1,500 fans filed into Bearcat Stadium for their first glimpse of the 2011 Bearcats.

“Awesome,” head coach Scott Bostwick said. “It was everything we wanted. People were out there tailgating before the game. The kids were out here early with our players. What an awesome day. I don’t know how this could have gone any better, quite honestly.”

Senior wide receiver Jake Soy captained the White squad while senior linebacker Chad Kilgore led the Green team to a 10-0 victory.

“In a scrimmage like this, you want to see some points scored and you want to see some defense,” Bostwick said. “I think we saw both of those, so all-in-all, not bad.”

Bostwick got the fans involved in promotions, inviting a lucky fan down to the field to call the first three plays of each quarter.

Neither team mustered much offense in the first half, as the two teams combined for just six first downs and 12 punts from senior Joe Bedard.

“I’ve said all camp that Joe might be our MVP,” Bostwick said. “We’ve got a really good freshman punter coming, but that young man can punt.”

Early on, passes were sailing high and the running game was getting stuffed in the backfield.

Kilgore picked off one of those errant passes to give the Green team good field position, but the White defense rose to the challenge and stalled the drive.

The Green offense came out of the locker room after halftime and found some rhythm. Senior quarterback Blake Christopher hit sophomore wide receiver Clint Utter with a 39-yard pass and followed it up with a 29-yard screen pass to freshman running back Denver Lohnes, setting the offense up on the 3-yardline. Chris-

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(TOP) SOPHOMORE WIDE RECEIVER Clint Utter (left) lets a pass slip through his grasp as junior cornerback Joe Scott (right) defends. (ABOVE) JUNIOR RUNNING BACK Jordan Simmons slips defender in the ‘Cats’ Spring Game. Simmons rushed the ball seven times for 26 total yards.

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COLUMN

Spring game fails to live up to hype

Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Spring football builds two things for fans: expectations and anticipation.

With head coach Scott Bostwick entering his first year as head coach after 17 seasons as the defensive coordinator, expectations are high for the Bearcats to continue playing at the same level of the past decade and a half.

But considering this is Bostwick’s first go around on top, there is an elephant in the room: the lingering presence of Hall of Fame coach Mel Tjeerdsma.

The game Saturday was the first opportunity for fans to start building those expectations and many left at halftime of a scoreless contest with low expectations.

Regardless of what impact the game had on your feelings about Bearcat football, it exceeded all of what anyone could have imagined from a marketing standpoint.

Northwest’s athletic marketing team enticed 1,500 people to fill the west side of the stadium and kept them interested by running promotions at the beginning and end of each quarter.

A lucky fan got to call the first three plays of each quarter, leading to the opposing side trying to take advantage of the fan calls, often to no avail. Other fans got to pass and kick their ways to free t-shirts.

Photographers and journalists lined the sideline, doing exactly the same thing I am, giving the first takes on the 2011 ‘Cats.

If nothing else can be

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SPRING AWARDS

By Jason Lawrence
Asst. Sports Editor

Offensive MVP:
QB Blake Christopher

Senior quarterback Blake Christopher scored the game’s lone touchdown on a three-yard scramble. Christopher finished the game 10-for-19 passing, racking up 119 yards and leading the Green offense on two scoring drives. He also rushed for 26 yards on 11 carries, tied for second most in the game.

Defensive MVP:
LB Chad Kilgore

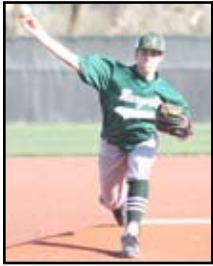
Senior linebacker Chad Kilgore finished tied for the Green defensive lead with five tackles. Kilgore also had an interception and a 10-yard return in addition to half a sack. The Kilgore led defense combined for three interceptions and three sacks and held senior wide receiver Jake Soy catchless.

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See how Maryville fared facing East Buchanan, Monday, and how sophomore pitcher Jonathan Baker handled his first start.

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Take a look at how the Bearcats handled a Central Missouri lineup and see if the ‘Cats’ bats finally broke out of a recent hitting slump.

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